

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

By this amendment, Applicant proposes cancellation of claim 1, leaving claims 12 through 16 pending and in condition for allowance.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 for the reasons set forth in the Office Action. Applicant respectfully traverses for the reasons of record. However, without conceding the rejection, the cancellation of claim 1 is proposed herein to put the present application in condition for allowance with claims 12 through 16.

III. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 12-16 in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that this claimed invention, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicant therefore requests the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.


Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at (202) 408-4092 to address any additional matters pertaining to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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